

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2005**

**SENIOR CENTER, WARREN TOWN HALL, WARREN, RI**

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**Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Saviano at 6:05 pm, in the Senior Center, Warren Town Hall, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:**

**Bert Anger, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, William Lavey, Jr., Joseph Rego, John Saviano, Frank Sylvia**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL**

**New Business, Director Sylvia reported:**

**1. Annual Pension Plan Actuarial Report, Director Sylvia introduced Mr. Robert Bostian from Benefit Management. Mr. Bostian presented BCWA's Actuarial Report.**

**Chairman Saviano made the following motion**

**MOTION: To enter into Annual Meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Board entered Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm.**

**Board returned to regular meeting at 6:35 pm.**

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

**Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 30, 2004, be and hereby are approved.**

**Motion passed 4 to 3. Directors Lavey, Rego and Sylvia abstained.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of December 15, 2004, be and hereby are approved.**

**Motion passed 6 to 1. Director Rego abstained.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was**

**VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2004, be and hereby are approved.**

**Motion passed 6 to 1. Director Rego abstained.**

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL**

**1. Senior Citizen Discount, At present discount equals approximately \$233,000 per year. Executive Director DeLise gave a brief history of Sr. Citizen Discount. March 22, 1990 the Board of Directors voted to reduce water rates and add a discount for customers 65 years of age or older. In 1998 a motion to eliminate the discount failed 8 to 1, also a motion to eliminate the discount over a 5 year period failed.**

**Director Sylvia stated that the consensus of the sub committee was to include senior citizen discount notification on the water bill. The following motion was duly made and seconded**

**VOTED: To revise water bill to indicate Senior Citizen Discount.**

**Motion passed 3 – 2 – 2. Voting aye Directors Jannitto, Lavey and Sylvia. Voting nay Chairman Saviano and Director Klepper. Abstaining Directors Anger and Rego.**

**Chairman Saviano stated that if Board members are eligible for the Senior Citizen Discount they may not be able to vote on motions**

concerning the discount. The Chairman requested the Executive Director to obtain a legal opinion concerning this matter.

## **AUDIT/FINANCE**

**Old Business, Director Anger reported:**

- 1. BCWA Bristol Office, moved to the end of the meeting for Executive Session.**
- 2. Legal Invoices (at the Request of Director Veader), some discussion, no action was taken.**
- 3. Senior Citizen Discount (at the Request of Directors Veader and Morrison), Director Anger requested a history for the February meetings. Director Klepper stated that the discount should not be totally eliminated. All options should be discussed at the February meetings.**

**Chairman Saviano made the following motion, which was duly seconded**

**MOTION: Have a workshop and a public hearing concerning the phasing out of the Senior Citizen discount in a 3 year period, and the money saved to be taken off the discounted amount of the rate increase that has been approved by the Board.**

**Motion failed 1-4-2. Chairman Saviano voted aye, voting nay – Directors Klepper, Jannitto, Sylvia and Lavey. Abstaining Directors Rego and Anger.**

**Director Klepper asked the Executive Director to check with the Ethics Commission concerning Board members who are 65 to recuse or abstain from voting on this issue.**

## **ENGINEERING**

**Old Business, Director Lavey reported:**

**1. Kickemuit Reservoir Fish Ladder, Meeting with Project Partners scheduled for 1/14/05 to finalize Bid Evaluation. The following motion was duly made and seconded**

**MOTION: To award low bidder, Weston & Sampson Engineers at a price of \$49,932, for engineering and design of the Kickemuit Fish Passage.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **New Business**

**1. Fluoride Treatment (at the Request of Director Klepper), Executive Director DeLise stated that the recommendations from DOH are followed.**

**2. Gracie Estates, Swansea, Thirty proposed building lots on Stephen**

**French Road in Swansea. Development in watershed of Swansea Reservoir and Kickemuit River. Executive Director DeLise to seek advice from legal counsel.**

**Director Rego requested Backflow Prevention Control letter to be presented at the February meetings.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.**

## **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 2, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**
- 3. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 3, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**
- 4. Annual Meeting (Continued), Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 6:00 pm, Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**

**Chairman Saviano made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale of the BCWA Bristol Office under RIGL 42-46.5.**

**VOTED: To enter into Executive Session.**

**Roll Call Vote all present voted Aye.**

**The Board entered Executive Session at 7:45 pm.**

**The Board returned to open session at 7:55 pm.**

**The following motion was duly made and seconded**

**MOTION: To proceed with the sale of the Bristol office to the High Bidder, as presented, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the P & S Agreement and other related documents as necessary.**

**Motion passed 4 – 2 – 1. Voting aye Chairman Saviano, Directors Lavey, Anger and Klepper. Voting Nay Directors Rego and Sylvia. Abstaining Director Jannitto.**

**Director Anger asked the Executive Director to obtain an opinion from a local realtor on the worth of the building.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.**

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**William J. Lavey, Jr.**

**BCWA Secretary**